



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2018
3rd Floor Jury Room, Courthouse Building
12:00 p.m.

Mission: The CJCC exists to promote the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.

1. Call to Order, Introductions & Reading of the Mission Statement

Judge Menahan called the meeting to order at 12:05 and read the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council mission statement.

Members included: Judge Mike Menahan (Chair), Justice Michael Swingley, Sheriff Leo Dutton, Chief Troy McGee, Mayor James Schell, Sharon Tregidga, and Suzanne Seburn. Others in attendance included: Kellie McBride, Gloria Soja, Jason Sexton, Jocelyn Olsen, Curt Chisholm, Gary Mihelish, Kiley Gage, Mike Ferriter, and Tom Cordingly.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2018 minutes were approved.

3. CJCC Vice-Chair - Judge Menahan

Judge Menahan called for volunteers for CJCC Vice-Chair. Suzanne Seburn volunteered. A motion was made by Chief McGee to appoint Suzanne Seburn as vice-chair. The motion was seconded by Mayor Schell. The motion passed.

4. Citizens Advisory Council – Curt Chisholm

Mr. Chisholm noted that the CJCC had received Theresa Oretaga's bio and requested that the CJCC complete the action item tabled from May 23, 2018. A motion was made by Mayor Schell to approve Ms. Ortega's application to serve on the Citizen's Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tregidga. The motion passed.

Mr. Chisholm reported that the CAC has developed two subcommittees: one to develop guidelines for the data system, and one to study the benefits of county involvement in reentry programs. The CAC is pleased with the progress the county was making with the recommendations from the CAC on reforming the criminal justice system and with implementing the Pretrial Services Program.

The Council discussed the gaps in data collection and the need for a uniform, unified, data system.

5. Update and Q&A on Pretrial Services Program – Kellie McBride

Ms. McBride noted that the Pretrial Services Program is just beginning its third week of

operations and currently has 23 clients. Ms. McBride introduced Pretrial Officer Jason Sexton and Pretrial Assistants Gloria Soja and Jocelyn Olsen. Ms. McBride highlighted the benefits of having read-only access to the OMS data system at the jail.

The Council discussed the types of services available to clients through Pretrial Services and agreed that it was too early to see the impact of the program.

6. Update and Q&A on Restorative Justice and Court Services Dept. – Kellie McBride

Ms. McBride shared that nine applications have been received on the RFP for Criminal Justice data collection, analysis, recommendations, and plans.

Western has hired Jaden Van Steenvort to provide mental health services in the jail. Mr. Van Steenvort has worked at the jail before and has a good rapport with staff.

RJCS will contract with United Way to coordinate the County-wide Early Childhood Coalition for one year in order to determine the best options for intervention with children age zero to three.

The Volunteer Program / Inmate Programs cannot move forward until the jail renovations. This item is on hold but Ms. McBride is conducting research into best practices.

The Council discussed pretrial work release, community service in lieu of jail time and/or fines, and that some mandatory jail time is served in segments.

7. Acceptance into the National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils (NNCJCC) – Kellie McBride

Ms. McBride reported that the CJCC was now one of 30 member councils. The Network can provide peer support and strategic planning assistance to the CJCC. The Network has a conference June 25-27, 2018. Ms. McBride will attend. Judge Menahan is not available for this conference. Ms. McBride will e-mail the details to the Council in hopes that another member will attend with her.

8. Public Comment

No public comment received.

9. Next Meeting: June 27, 2018

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Minutes approved on July 25, 2018.